Mr. C. J. Mathew.—So that, am I to take it that it is left to the whims and fancies of the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is for the Hon'ble Member to interpret. You may infer in any way you like.

President.—Take the answer for what it is worth.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—May I know what are the considerations under which you direct the publication in certain cases and you deny publication in another case ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—For the information of the House I may state that no eulogistic notes were published in the case of Messrs. Vengu Ayyar, Kelar Tirupad and K. Govinda Menon. In neither of these cases were any eulogistic notes published.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Now I ask you what are the considerations to publish in certain cases and deny publication in other cases. No eulogistic notes were published in the case of Messrs. Damodara Menon, Vengu Ayyar, K. Govinda Menon, all who had retired recently and who were all Departmental Heads. There is no particular feeling for Mr. Damodara Menon. I want to bring to the notice of the Government that men who have served the State for more than 30 years and who have retired as Heads of Departments have not been given any note on their retirement. There must be certain considerations which must guide the Government to publish or not to publish. May I know which those considerations are ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Nothing more can I add. There is no settled policy, there is no settled principle. Nothing more can I add.

Irrigation allotments.

236. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

(a) the amount budgetted annually for the last 10 years for irrigation purposes;

(b) the amount actually spent annually in the period referred to;

(c) the amount lapsed annually during the aforesaid period?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— Vide statement annexed. (*Appendix VII.*)

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what is the difficulty to work out the lapses ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Transfers made are distributed over a large amount of works and in some instances there may not be any lapses at all but only savings. To take for the last ten years it is almost impossible.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have the Government taken any steps to avoid these lapses ?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That is our ambition. We are trying our very best to spend the amounts which are scheduled for the works in the budget.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What practical steps have been taken ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—To get the estimates ready before the year begins and we have been trying to do that all these years. That is the important work to do.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What are the main items of work which have not been carried out in 1103 ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In 1103 you will find there is not much lapse at all. Only about 18,000 rupees. I suppose almost all the works scheduled for 1103 were carried out.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—In 1101 ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In 1101 we proposed to spend some money on the Enamakkal Dam works. It was not possible to spend it in that year.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has not the work been carried out since then?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Which year ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—1102.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the reason for the lapse in 1099?

President.—That is for the shifting of the College to Anappara. Some amount was provided.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—This relates only to irrigation. In 1099 and 1098 you will find very little money has been spent for irrigation. I cannot at this time say exactly which were the works scheduled and which were not carried out.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Can you say the main works ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Even that I am not in a position to say now.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have the Government taken any steps to see that lapses do not occur in 1105? If so, what are the steps taken?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. As I told you before, to get estimates ready in time, to speed up the works. We have now a Special Irrigation Officer who can devote full attention to get the estimates ready.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Who is in charge of it ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A Special Irrigation Engineer. There is an Irrigation section of the Public Works

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Department and the officer has been asked to pay particular attention to get the estimates ready in time. The Irrigation Engineer is George Attokkaran.

Expenses under Irrigation.

237. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what was the total amount spent by the Government annually under the head irrigation to help paddy cultivation in the whole State during the last 10 years; or (if that is too laborious a task) in the last quinquennium;

(2) how much of it was spent in each taluk;

(3) what is the assessment per acre of the land so helped with irrigation facilities;

(4) what is the total outlay on the Chittur irrigation works;

(5) what is the total cost of the Karuvannur bund construction; maintenance and reconstruction from its starting up to the present year;

(6) what is the extent of land protected and irrigated by the Karuvannur bund construction work;

(7) what was the cost of acquisition of land required for the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of the bund;

(8) what is the assessment per acre of the land protected by the Karuvannur bund?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— (1) and (2) The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 529 of the Meenam sitting of the Legislative Session of 1104.

(3) The assessment varies from Rs. 2-8-0 to Rs. 11-4-0.

(4) It is very difficult to gather the required information as the works have been in existence for a very long time.

(5) The outlay from 1091 to 1103 is about Rs. 92,806.

(6) 2235·36 acres.

(7) It is not possible to furnish a correct answer to the question as the references lie in a number of files spread over a large period.

(8) The assessment varies from Rs. 3-8-0 to Rs. 6-8-0 per acre.

238. Mr. K. T. Mathew.— Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

(a) the name of the officer in charge of irrigation work in the State;

(b) the total amount annually budgetted in the last 7 years for irrigation work;

(c) the amount actually spent yearly in the period referred to above, giving separately the amount lapsed annually;

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APPENDIX VI.

(Vide answer to Question No. 231.)

Application Camp No. A/ 1104, dated 14th January 1929, from M. R.Ry., Rao Sahib T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar Avl., Diwan Peishkar.

I have the honour to request permission, under Article 205 of the Cochin Service Regulations, to retire voluntarily from service from 7th Mithunam 1104, the date on which I complete full 34 years of qualifying superior service, or from such earlier date as the Government may be pleased to permit me.

2. I request also that preliminary to my retirement, any short privilege leave that may be due to me may be kindly granted.

3. I shall put in my formal application for privilege leave and my pension application, on receipt of orders fixing the date of my voluntary retirement.

APPENDIX VII.

(Vide answer to Question No. 236.)

Statement showing allotment, expenditure and lapse on irrigation works for the last ten years.

Year	Original budget allotment Rs.	Expenditure Rs. as. ps.	Lapse
		Public Works Department.	It is difficult to work out the lapses since the original allotment noted in column 2 underwent transfers during the course of the different years noted in the statement.
1094	61,732	76,951 10 1	
1095	62,348	72,791 3 0	
1096	71,983	73,811 14 7	
1097	81,436	63,439 15 3	
1098	1,00,927	57,399 7 1	
1099	1,26,659	56,399 15 11	
1100	1,40,514	1,06,902 6 3	
1101	1,14,751	84,986 15 4	
1102	1,47,982	1,47,758 14 11	
1103	1,21,093	1,03,454 8 8	
		Panchayat.	
1094	...	...	
1095	..	...	
1096	...	..	
1097*	15,276	14,723 4 9	
1098	15,816	13,600 1 10	
1099	13,950	9,740 12 6	
1100	13,683	18,916 7 3	
1101	19,266	11,662 3 1	
1102	17,821	9,089 10 1	
1103	19,439	16,259 14 11	

* Irrigation works used to be provided in the Panchayat budget only from 1097 onwards.

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